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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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Special Branch Reg. OFFICE

FILE NO. D.8039A/40

SUBJECT:

REMOVAL OF MACHINERY AND IRON IN
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

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Assault on a reporter of N.C.D.N. by Japanese when photographing a pile of iron.		D.8039A/44.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. _____
REGISTRY
Date January 10, 1940.

S. I. Special Branch Station

REPORT

Subject. Reported establishment of large Japanese company to collect scrap iron in China.

Made by D. C. Kamashita Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

With reference to the attached extract from the North China Daily News dated January 8, 1940, regarding the reported establishment of a large Japanese company to collect scrap iron in China, I have to state that this newspaper report appears to have no foundation.

Enquiries have been conducted at various quarters but so far no information corroborating the newspaper report that a large Japanese company was recently formed with the purpose of collecting scrap iron in China, was obtainable.

Shortly after the withdrawal of the Chinese forces from districts surrounding Shanghai, the local Japanese Residents' Corporation employed a large number of coolies and engaged in the work of collecting scrap iron in and outside Shanghai at the request of the Japanese Military authorities. The scrap iron collected by the Japanese Residents' Corporation was dumped on a piece of waste ground in the vicinity of Chemulpo Road Jetty, from where the material was shipped to Japan. This work was completed towards the end of 1938, and it is believed that insufficient scrap iron still remains to warrant the establishment of a large company to collect it.

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Japanese Form Company To Collect Scrap

**Big Dump Established Near
Fish Market**

A company has been organized by the Japanese for the purpose of collecting scrap iron and steel in occupied areas in China and many Chinese have been employed to do the collecting work, states a Chinese report. It is asserted that owing to the shortage of iron and steel at home the Japanese have been collecting the metals in occupied areas and that in order to accelerate their efficiency they have established a company, or an ironworks society.

The former Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works in Nantao has been transformed into a Japanese shipbuilding yard in which a large quantity of iron has been confiscated and removed together with that which the Chinese dockyard stored in another place during the Shanghai hostilities.

As this still could not meet the big demand of the Japanese military, a Japanese ironworks company was organized last year solely for the purpose of collecting scrap iron and steel in China. Formerly, the Japanese dumped their scrap iron and steel thus obtained on a piece of vacant ground near the Fish Market in Yangtzepoo but now the place has been changed. A large area has been marked out in Wentsaopang, in Woosung, for the purpose. Japanese transports anchored outside Woosung have been shipping the metal to Japan. This accounts for the fact that during the past few months no more Japanese transports have been seen in Yangtzepoo carrying the valuable cargo on homeward journeys, it is stated.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:—

Misc. 60/39

"C" Division.

Kashang Road Police Station.

4/8/39 19

Diary Number:— 1

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
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and concluded each dayPlaces
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investigation
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Alleged assault on Russian private watchman
by members of the Japanese Military and
Chinese employees removing parts of machinery
from Lane No.121 East Yalu Road

At 4.50 p.m. 4/8/39, a Mr. M.Rebalchenco, and a Mr. V.Iglan, both of Russian nationality employed by Credit Foncier de Extreme Orient of No.346, Szechuen Road, came to the station, the former reporting the latter interpreting, as follows:—

M. Rebalchenco is employed by the above firm in the capacity of a private watchman to prevent thefts of doors and window frames from the Chinese styled dwellings inside Lane 121, East Yalu Road.

At about 3 p.m. 4/8/39, whilst inside the alleyway which extends some considerable distance, three or four Japanese males wearing semi-Japanese Military uniforms and wearing armbands, accompanied by several male Chinese of the coolie class, entered the alleyway and commenced removing a quantity of rusted and disconnected machinery, which had previously been housed inside Houses No.40 and 42, Lane 121, East Yalu Road, but had since the cessation of the recent hostilities in the immediate vicinity been deposited at two different places inside the alleyway preparatory

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to removal by the original Chinese owners.

The watchman acting in accordance with instructions received from his employers did not interfere with this removal as members of the Japanese Military were present.

At about 3.30 p.m. 4/6/39, several Chinese coolies, apparently the same coolies as concerned above, but unaccompanied by any other persons entered the alleyway and commenced to remove the remainder of the machinery which had not been removed on the first occasion, but the watchman intervened and would not permit the removal, therefore the coolies left the alleyway and returned again some few minutes afterwards escorted by several male Japanese in stages of undress wearing various piece of Japanese Military uniform, who allegedly immediately commenced to smack and kick the watchman about the face and body, thus enabling the removal of the remaining machinery (metal parts).

When this party was about to depart they allegedly pushed the watchman onto the ground and kicked him several times, he therefore enlisted the aid of his friend (interpreter) and came to the station to report the matter.

At the station the assaulted person was requested to attend a hospital for examination and treatment but

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refused to do so, stating his injuries were of a trivial ^{nature} and did not require medical treatment, only one abrasion was observed on his right leg below his knee, but this was of a superficial nature.

The watchman was not greatly concerned about the removed parts of metal and machinery, but feared that if he returned to the place of duty a further assault would take place, therefore he was advised to communicate with his employers for further instructions, but due to the lateness of the hour he was unable to do so.

The watchman was accompanied to the scene of this alleged offence, by F.S.603 Imura and the undersigned when it was observed that great activity has been taking place in the vicinity apparently by members and employees of the J.N.L.P., dangerous buildings (walls) having been pulled down, complete house bricks and metal being daily collected, stacked, then removed in Japanese Naval or Military M/trucks.

The above activities have been taking place in an intensive manner for some considerable time throughout Kashing Road Police District.

The complainant not being in possession of documents or anything to prove ownership of the

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removed property, was advised that no further action could be taken at present but he should report to his employers during the morning of the 5/8/39, when representation would be made for the recovery of same to the J.N.L.P. Headquarters, if proof was forthcoming that it was the property of his employers.

Regarding the alleged assault no further action has been deemed necessary due to the trivial nature of the injuries and as the complainant apparently was fully aware of what would result ^{from} ~~for~~ any interference upon his part, he evidently realising that the coolies were employees of the J.N.L.P., but he decided to asse. his authority with the above recorded results.

J. S. I.
D.D.O."C" Div.

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Copy for

D.C.(Special Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Wayside Station,

Date. July 25, 1939.

Subject. Removal of scrap-iron by Japanese.

Made by. D.S.I. Cumming.

Forwarded by. Insp. Turner.

Sir,

At 4.10 p.m. 24.7.39, a telephone message was received from Mr. Goldenberg of Sassoon & Co, Ltd., Sassoon House, to the effect that their Chinese watchman employed at Lanes 277, 289 and 303 Dent Road had reported to them that at 3 p.m. 24.7.39, a number of uniformed Japanese began to remove iron gates from the above lanes. From enquiries made it was ascertained that the Japanese in question were members of the Central China Development Co., and were in possession of a pass issued by the Rehabilitation Section of the Japanese Naval Landing Party authorizing them remove iron from the property. A quantity of scrap iron had already been removed but the lane gates were still intact.

Mr. Goldenberg was communicated with and advised to send a representative to the J.N.L.P. Headquarters to negotiate. The J.N.L.P. stated that in the event of Japanese interfering with the property of third party nationals, such nationals after giving proof of ownership would be supplied with passes for their watchmen which may be presented in the event of attempts on the part of Japanese to interfere with such property.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. No. 105/39.

"C" Division.
Hongkew Police Station.
April 6th, 19 39.

Diary Number:— 1.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

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course of
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

A private Chinese watchman detained at the J.N. L.P.H.C., Hennen Road on suspicion for larceny of a quantity of scrap iron.

At 5.50 p.m. on 6/4/39, one female Chinese named Van Koh (范郭氏), residing at 169 Market Street off Broadway East, came to the station and reported that her husband named Van Kyi Tsung (范建春), age 42, native of Chantung, private watchman of the Moller's Wharf on B'way East, had been arrested and taken away from the wharf by some Japanese in uniform at about 6.30 p.m. even date.

Enquiries made by C.D.C. 221 and the under-signed ascertained the following.

At about 5.30 p.m. on the same day, several Chinese were trying to carry away a quantity of scrap iron from the above wharf and were challenged by the watchman, resulting in a quarrel among them, when several members of the J.N.L.P. patrol happened to pass by and saw them quarrel in possession of the scrap iron.

The patrol men took all of them including watchman, Van, to their headquarters on suspicion of having been concerned in stealing the scrap iron found in possession and for the purpose of further enquiries to be made at Headquarters.

The Officer on duty at the Hennen Road H.Q., stated

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that they had not completed their enquiries into this case, and that all the Chinese concerned would be detained at the H.Q.s pending completion of their enquiries.

The iron scrap in question was not taken to H.Q.S., but left at the scene of the quarrel.

The female has been informed of the above effect.

Further report in due course.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Misc. File No. 110/39.
S. L. REGISTRY
No. S. L. D. 873
Date March, 15th, 39.

Subject. Male Chinese arrested by J.N.L. Party from 678-680 Kungping Road.

Made by J.D.S. Hanawa,

Forwarded by

Sir,

At 3.00 p.m. 15-3-39, a telephone message was received from the Real Estate Coy., 223 Nanking Road, informing that the occupant of premises Nos. 678-680 Kungping Road (property of the above Coy.) was arrested by the J.N.L. Party and the premises sealed at about 8.00 a.m. 15-3-39.

C.D.S. 248, F.S. Rosanoff and the undersigned proceeded to the above address and from enquiries made it was ascertained that premises Nos. 678-680 Kungping Road are at present occupied by a Chinese named Wong Zung Kyung (王順全), 56, Ningpo, M/shop master for the purpose of storing damaged machinery and scrap iron which he had salvage from the ruins of his former machine shop situated at the opposite side of the road Lane 703/12-18, which had been completely destroyed during the hostilities. Wong Wung Kyung lives in 678-680 Kungping Road together with his mother Wong Zung Sz (王盛氏), 79, and a small boy named Yang Er Doo (楊二度), 15 Wusieh, his nephew. At the time of the visit of the J.N.L. Party at 8.00 a.m. 15-3-39, the aged woman was out to buy food and only Wong and the boy were on the premises. The members of the J.N.L. Party arrested Wong and sealed the premises. Apparently the officers of the J.N.L. Party did not know that a boy was left inside the premises.

A telephone communication was made with the J.N.L. Party Headquarters, resulting in an officer being sent to the scene. It was learnt from this officer that Wong was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the larceny of scrap iron and is now detained for enquiries.

Upon explaining that a boy was inside the sealed premises the said officer allowed to take off the seal from the back door

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of the premises and the aged woman to reside together with the boy inside. He further stated that the arrested man Wong will be released should enquiries prove that he is not guilty.

Enquiries proceeding.

P. H. H. H.
J.D.S. 157

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Senior Detective i/c.

D.D.O. "D" Division.

D.C. SP. B. ✓

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CRIME DIARY.

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Division.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 1/39.

Kashing Road Police Station.

Jan. 21st., 1939.

Diary Number:—

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Japanese Army Special Service Section
attempt to remove a large Boiler from
Point Road.

Sir,

Supervised by five Japanese who were dressed in semi-military uniform an unsuccessful attempt was made on January 21st.. 1939, by some 25 Chinese coolies to remove a very large and comparatively new steam boiler from outside the front entrance to the FOH CHING ENGINEERING WORKS(福慶機器廠). 636 POINT ROAD.

The boiler is the property of the above concern which is owned by Mr. CHIU FOH CHING(周福慶).

It appears that the party arrived at the scene in a Japanese military truck (H. 216?) at about 2.15 p.m. and without informing any of the employees in the works at the time immediately commenced moving the boiler evidently with the intention of loading it onto the truck.

This was observed by a Chinese foreman named YUAN CHUNG HSIEN(袁忠賢) who immediately informed by Mr. Chiu by telephone and received instructions from him to report the matter to Kashing Road Police Station.

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arrival at the scene of J.P.S. 104 Ikegami evidently prevented further movement and deterred those who wished to remove the boiler.

The five Japanese claimed that they were members of the Special Service Section of the Japanese Army and that they were attached to the HATO DETACHMENT in Nanking.

The spokesman of the party who gave the name of T. IISHIMA stated that the boiler was being removed on his instructions and that he had received authority to do so from the Japanese Military Gendarmerie in the Yangtzepoo Area.

It was further revealed by Iishima that the boiler was destined for Nanking and that special arrangements had been made to remove it to that city by rail on the evening of January 21.

Iishima after informing J.P.S. Ikegami that the boiler was too heavy and not suitable left with his party.

Mr. Chiu has been advised to have the boiler removed indoors.

Copies to D.C. Divisions & Special Branch.


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File No. 8/39
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 8039
Wayside Station,
Date Jan. 12th, 1939.

FURTHER REPORT NO.1

Subject Arrests of Chinese by J.N.L. Party in Wayside District for
alleged thefts of scrap iron.

Made by J.D.S.157 Hanawa, Forwarded by W. W. W.

Sir,

At 8.30 a.m. 12-1-39, members of the J.N.L. Party visited 19/849 East Yuhang Road and commenced to remove a large quantity of scrap iron concealed therein.

At 9.00 a.m. same date, a male Chinese named Wong Zung Zai (王顺才), age 30, native of Chinkiang, residing at 9/849 East Yuhang Road, came to this station and reported that members of the J.N.L. Party were removing iron which belongs to him from 19/849 E. Yuhang Road. J.P.C. 227 was instructed by Charge Room to go to the above place together with this Chinese for enquiries. On arrival at the destination they met several members of the J.N.L. Party who told J.P.C. 227 that they were removing the iron therefrom on instructions of the J.N.L. Party Headquarters. In addition, members of J.N.L. Party requested J.P.C. 227 to hand over Wong Zung Zai, as this Chinese was wanted by them as he might have been concerned in stealing iron. J.P.C. 227 then told them that he should be handed over to them with permission of the Senior Officer, refusing to do so at that time. He brought Wong back to the station.

Questioned by the undersigned, Wong stated that he had bought the scrap iron several months ago together with three other Chinese, one named Woo Zoh Hoong (吴实宏), one Tsang Li Tsao (张履朝) and one Lieu Ching Yue (刘庆辉), whose addresses are not known, and he got the scrap iron concealed in 19/849 East Yuhang Road as his share.

At 9.30 a.m. same date, a telephone message was received at this station from the J.N.L. Party Headquarters on Hannen Road to the effect that they wanted to question Wong Zung Zai in connection with this theft, requesting to hand over this

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Chinese.

At 10.30 a.m. same date, Wong was handed over to the J.N.L. Party Headquarters on instructions of D.O. "D".

On 6-1-39, when a search was carried out by the members of the J.N.L. Party at the Chinese houses along Kungping and East Yuhang Roads, a large quantity of scrap iron, which was believed to be stolen from the Naval Iron dumps, was found in a Chinese second hand shop at 385 Kungping Road, owned by one Tsang Pao Zai (张宝财), whose whereabouts being unknown. The J.N.L. Party Headquarters decided to confiscate the iron from this shop.

At 10.00 a.m. 12-1-39, Kuo Su Yee (郭士贤), 45, Kompo, residing in a small backroom at 385 Kungping Road, who was requested by Tsang Pao Zai to watch the shop, came to the station and reported that members of Japanese came to his shop and attempted to remove the scrap iron piled in the house. The undersigned together with this man proceeded to the 385 Kungping Road, where he met members of the J.N.L. Party who told him that they had been ordered by the Headquarters to remove the scrap iron as same was confiscated by the J.N.L. Party. The undersigned was further told that several months ago members of J.N.L. Party searched all houses along Kungping Road but they could not find a little scrap iron in the shops at that time, therefore a large quantity of iron found at this time must be stolen property.

The scrap iron in question was removed by them at 11.30a.m. same date.

John A. H. 25?
Senior Detective i/c.

P. Hanawa
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D.D.O. "D" Division.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 87598

REC. STICK

Wayside Station, 80377

REPORT

Date Jan. 7th, 1939.

Subject: Arrests of Chinese by J.N.L. Party in Wayside District for
alleged thefts of scrap iron.

Made by J.D.S. Hanawa,

Forwarded by

Sir,

At 10.00 a.m. 6-1-39, a male Chinese named Chiang Zay Soong (蒋瑞松), 27, Chinkiang, residing at 980 East Yuhang Road, came to the station and reported that members of the J.N.L. Party had raided his house and arrested two shop assistants named Lo Yeh Ming (罗逸民), 45, Chinkiang, and Tu Ke Zung (杜阔顺), 57, Chinkiang.

F.S.34 Kramer, J.P.C.142 and C.D.C.76 accompanied by the above Chinese proceeded to 980 East Yuhang Road. The house in question was found to be under observation by members of the J.N.L. Party and on arrival the members of the J.N.L. Party approached police party requesting to hand over the above Chinese to them on the ground that the above Chinese was wanted by them as he might have been concerned in the theft of a large quantity of scrap iron. The police party could not refuse to do so, and the said Chinese was taken to the Naval Headquarters on Hannan Road for questioning together with the other two shop assistants.

At 12.10 p.m. 6-1-39, one named Woo Zoh Faun (吴实堂), 31, Chinkiang, residing at 463 Kungping Road, second hand shop keeper, came to this station and reported that at about 11.00 a.m. same date, two shop assistants employed by him were arrested by members of the J.N.L. Party and taken to the Naval Headquarters on Hannan Road.

At 12.35 p.m. 6-1-39, male Chinese named Wong Kung Zai (王顺财), 30, Chinkiang, residing at 9/849 East Yuhang Road, reported at this station that his wife Wong Tsui Sz (王周氏), 31, Chinkiang, was taken to the Naval Headquarters on Hannan Road by the members of the J.N.L. Party.

At 4.00 p.m. 6-1-39, the undersigned visited the Naval

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Handwritten notes and stamps, including "J.D.S.B." and "F.A.D.C. (S.S.)".

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Headquarters, but could not interview the officer in charge as he was out.

At 11.00 a.m. 7-1-39, female Chinese Tsai Tsang Sz (蔡張氏), 31, Chinkiang, 1380 Pingliang Road, reported at this station that her husband Tsang Ah Pau (張阿寶), residing at 433 Kungping Road, second hand shop owner, was arrested by a member of the J.N.L.Party and taken to the Headquarters on Hannen Road.

The undersigned again visited at 2.00 p.m. 7-1-39 the Naval Headquarters on Hannen Road and there interviewed 1st Lieutenant Mizuta, who informed him that a large quantity of scrap iron had been stolen from the Point Road and other iron dumps located in the Eastern Area during the past month, and the J.N.L.Party had received information that these stolen scrap iron was concealed in a vacant house on either East Yuhang Road or Kungping Road.

At 9.00 a.m. 6-1-39, a search was carried out by members of the J.N.L.Party at Chinese houses along East Yuhang Road and Kungping Road and as the result of which a large quantity of scrap iron was discovered in a vacant house at House 19, Lane 849 East Yuhang Road. They further received information that many Chinese second hand shop keepers were concerned in this theft, hence the arrests of the above mentioned Chinese were made for enquiries.

About twenty Chinese, whose names were not divulged, were arrested by them on the 6-1-39, and twelve of them have already been released after interrogation at the Naval Headquarters.

1st Lieutenant Mizuta further stated that the remaining Chinese still detained will also be released in near future after ^{BEING} strictly cautioned. The large quantity of scrap iron found in 19/849 East Yuhang Road will be confiscated by the J.N.L.Party.

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It appears to be that these arrests were made as a demonstration against undesirable Chinese residing along East Yuhang Road and Kungping Road by the J.N.L. Party.

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Senior Detective i/c.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 245/38.

Wayside Station,

REPORT

Date Dec. 21, 1938.

Subject: The alleged removal of scrap iron by Japanese.

Made by J.D.S. 157 Hanawa.

Forwarded by

W. L. L. L. L.

Sir,

At 9 a.m. 21.12.38, a male Chinese named Wei Yuen Moh (魏元模), age 40, residing at 567 Yu Ya Ching Road, in the employ of D.K.K. Wharf Office, came to this station and reported that at about 1.30 p.m. 20.12.38, about 9 tons of scrap iron was removed by Japanese from 308 Baikal Road where a quantity of scrap iron owned by him has been piled in the compound.

Enquiries made by C.D.C. 241 and the undersigned ascertained that at 1.30 p.m. 20.12.38, compt. attended 308 Baikal Road to inspect the scrap iron dump when he saw 4 Japanese come to the dump riding on M/trucks and immediately commenced to remove the scrap-iron for loading on board the trucks. At that time he did not refuse to do so thinking that the scrap iron had been sold to the Japanese through a foreign broker named Abolnik to whom he had formerly requested to dispose of the scrap iron.

At 8 a.m. 2.12.38, he met with Abolnik, Russian, who told him that the scrap iron had not been sold to the Japanese and he had applied for a pass to the J.N.L. Party for removal to South of Creek. He then came to this station and made this report.

Questioned, the compt. stated that he had bought a large quantity of scrap iron from various Chinese iron shops prior to the outbreak of the hostilities and piled same at the said place. He further stated that he did not remember the truck's number in question or the descriptions of the Japanese and had not the slightest acquaintance with the Japanese.

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Questioned regarding the scrap iron in question which was suspected to have been removed from the J.N.L.P. scrap dumps located at several places in the Eastern Area, he denied this. Much reliance could not be placed upon his statement.

He did not wish police to take further action against the Japanese and he requested to take appropriate steps to prevent further removal of the scrap iron from the dump owned him.

He was warned to inform Police as soon as possible should the Japanese again visit the dump to remove scrap iron.

John Cahy...
Senior Det 1/c

P. N...
S.D.S. 157.

D.D.O. "D"

O. 1/c Special Branch. ✓

Chinese-American Daily News and other local newspapers: 19-11-37

LARGE QUANTITIES OF BRASS AND IRON REMOVED TO JAPAN

At 3 p.m. yesterday, 2,500 tons of brass and iron collected in the fallen areas were transported to Japan by the transport "Yamagata Maru".

Several tens of thousands of tons of brass and iron are lying on a piece of waste ground near the Fish Market in Yangtsepoo awaiting transportation to Japan.

Machinery in Nantao Factories Carried Off by Japanese

Since November 26 the Japanese have been removing to Hongkew the boilers and machinery from the factories in Nantao.

Japanese soldiers in the occupied areas are prohibiting people from removing brass or iron.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— MISC.63/38.

“C” Division.
Kashing Road Police Station.
September 16, 1938.

Diary Number:— 1

Nature of Offence:—

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Arrest of a Japanese and six Chinese for
removing scrap iron from the Kashing Road
District under suspicious circumstances.

Sir,

During the past two weeks it has been observed that scrap iron thieves have been very active in the Kashing Road District during the night and early hours of the morning.

Huge quantities of scrap iron and metal have been collected by the thieves and deposited in secluded alleyways at various points in the district evidently in preparation for removal at the first favourable opportunity.

Several of the dumps have been kept under observation as far as circumstances would permit, but in spite of this the thieves have managed to evade police surveillance and on two occasions succeeded in removing at least one load from two of the dumps. It is believed that these removals took place before 6 a.m. or between 1 and 2 p.m.

Special attention was paid to the Yoong Hsiang Lee (永祥里), Point Road, where several tons of metal which had been stolen from the Japanese naval dump on Yuenfong Road was found to have been stored in several partly demolished houses.

It is known that on at least two occasions



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CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 63/38

Division.

Police Station.

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Nature of Offence:—

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each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

attempts have been made by a gang of Chinese to remove the iron from the Young Hsiang Lee.

At 1 p.m. September 14, 1938, a motor truck, S.M.C.Lic.23176, was seen to back into the Young Hsiang Lee for the purpose of removing the iron, but the appearance of a Russian watchman put a stop to the thieves' activities.

Details regarding the truck 23176 was passed to patrol men with instructions to pay special attention to the Young Hsiang Lee with the result that ^{the} truck was stopped by S.M.C.116 when leaving the vicinity of the alleyway with a load of metal at 1.15 p.m. September 16. Subsequent investigations definitely ascertained that the metal loaded on the truck had been removed from the dump in the Young Hsiang Lee.

Travelling on the truck with the chauffeur was a Japanese and six coolies. Their details are as follows:-

- (1) KINTARO IWAMOTO, 26, Japanese, 55 Wongloo Road.
- (2) YU YAH LING (俞彦麟), 33, M/Chauffeur, Permit No. 11187, Tungchow, 44 Sz Lei Nan Lee (老惠南里), Hardoon Road.
- (3) VAN TSO ER (范左兒), 23, M/Coolie, Tungchow, 118 Route J. Prentice, French Concession.
- (4) ZAU HAI HAI (曹海海), 24, Tungchow, M/Coolie, 128 Rue du Marche, French Concession.
- (5) CHIU HSIOW MU (瞿小毛), 33, S/Coolie, Tungchow, 15 Yah Hsing Lee, Kaifeng Road.

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- (6) WONG SHAN (王三), 50, S/Coolie, Tungchow, 54 Yu Tsh Lee (徐福里), Foochow Road.
- (7) LOH KUANG EN (陆贵恩), 54, S/Coolie, Tungchow, 48 Loong Sz Lee (隆智里), Connaught Road.
- (8) ZAU YUAN KAI (赵云开), 54, S/Coolie, Tungchow, Kiangso Road.

All were instructed to proceed to Kashing Road Station and on arrival at the Unga Road Bridge the truck was stopped and detained by the Naval sentries on duty there.

IWAMOTO produced a copy of a pass issued to Asia Steel Works, 37b Hochien Road, authorising them to deal in scrap metal.

It was pointed out to the Naval sentries that the Municipal Police had reasonable grounds to suspect that the iron had been stolen and that the pass produced by IWAMOTO did not refer to the particular consignment.

The Consular Police were subsequently called to the scene and after making preliminary enquiries informed the undersigned that the case would have to be investigated by the Japanese Naval Authorities. All concerned were therefore taken together with the truck to the J.N.L. Party, Headquarters, Hannen Road.

Investigations by the Naval authorities revealed

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that IWAMOTO's pass was not in order. It appears that the pass had been issued to the Asia Steel Works authorising them to trade in scrap iron, but not in the manner IWAMOTO was doing business. IWAMOTO's explanation that he had bought the iron from a Chinese named 'LEE' was accepted by the authorities.

All concerned were released by the Naval authorities and handed over to D. S. Ueoka at 4 p.m.

It is understood that IWAMOTO was severely cautioned and instructed to return to Kashing Road Station, where he was to give detectives every assistance in locating LEE.

The truck is being detained by the Naval authorities pending further developments.

Questioning of the chauffeur and the five coolies produced no information whatsoever regarding the man named LEE.

The chauffeur admitted that he had driven the truck to the Yoong Hsiang Lee on September 14, but had been instructed to leave shortly after arrival there by the Japanese. He further admitted that the truck had been engaged by a Chinese named 'BUNG', who is connected with the Asia Steel Works. The truck although registered at the Traffic Office in the name of the KUNG FAH (公發) Transportation Company, 44/1238

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Avenue Foch, is really jointly owned by the chauffeur and a Japanese named T. SUSUKI, 43, Kashing Road.

Although the chauffeur is strongly suspected of being deeply involved, there is at present no definite evidence to connect him with this scrap removing racket.

Enquiries by detectives at House 60, Lane 1196, Tongshan Road, failed to obtain any information regarding LEE.

It would appear that LEE is in very close contact with IWAMOTO and that he (LEE) is the leader of a large and well organised gang of scrap iron thieves, who are known to have been very active in the Northern Area during the past few weeks.

The chauffeur and six coolies were released at 6 p.m.

Further enquiries will be made with a view to locating LEE.

Chauffeur's driving permit forwarded to Traffic Office for disposal.

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A. C. (Traffic).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Miss. File No. 226/38

Police Station,

REPORT

Date Sept. 15th. 1938

Subject: Recovery of 3 Electric Motors.

Made by: D. I. Hutton

Forwarded by: *[Signature]*

Sir:

At 8.45 a.m. 15/9/38 acting on information received the undersigned accompanied by J.D.S. 149 C.D.S. 235 and C.D.C. 220 proceeded to a Chinese house situated at 123 Tanyang Road where 3 electric motors were found concealed under the bed. The house 125 Tanyang Road is one of many which have been taken over by the Japanese authorities on behalf of the Shanghai Cotton Mill No. 4. The occupier a Chinese named Nyi Vung Kwaung (倪 甯) unemployed was located and stated that the 3 electric motors had been placed in the room by a Japanese named Nagayabu employed at No. 4 Shanghai Cotton Mill on or about 8th. September 1938.

The Japanese named Nagayabu was located and it was ascertained from him that the electric motors were the property of a Chinese factory at 159 Tanyang Road and that during the hostilities he had been requested by another Japanese named Fugiwara to look after the factory on behalf of the owner.

When questioned regarding the motors ^{he} stated that they had been stolen by Chinese who were arrested by Japanese Military at Rangoon-Chemulpo Rd. and that the motors were found to belong to the factory and the Chinese were punished and the motors returned to him. He could not answer why he had ^{failed to} ~~not~~ report the case to the station nor could he account for not returning the property to the factory instead of taking it to a Chinese house. The 3 motors were removed to the station and the owner of the factory was communicated with at his office 153 Canton Road "Kung Ching Co."

From enquiries made it was ascertained from the owner Cheng Yee Kung (陳 宜 杞) that during the hostilities he approached a Japanese named Fugiwara known to him for 20 years with a view to having his factory safe guarded. Fugiwara agreed to have the



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factory safe guarded and received \$2,000.00 for this purpose. It was further demanded that eventually when the factory opened 30% of the profit would be paid to Fugiwara. The owner having no option was forced to agree to this extortion in order to preserve his factory. The 3 electric motors were identified by the mechanic formerly employed at the factory and same will be handed over to Cheng Yee Kung at an appropriate date.

Cheng Yee Kung was taken to the factory where it was found that the machinery was in good order but that between March & April this year 10 electric motors were stolen from the factory.

Further enquiries being made. Cheng Yee Kung has been informed to arrange a date to inspect electric motors detained at this station.



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station, 239-40

REPORT

Date July 28, 1938.

Subject Removal of Foreign owned electric motors by Japanese Military from this district.

Made by D. S. Nicoll

Forwarded by

W. J. J. J.

Sir,

At 11.55 a.m. 28/7/38 Mr. J. Krieg of the Siemens Co., reported at this station that certain property belonging to the above firm in the form of electric motors had been taken from the Yung Dah (永大) Industrial Co., 61 Linching Road by members of the Japanese Military.

It appeared that in May 1937 the above company had delivered to the Yung Dah the said property and only £70 had been paid in respect of the agreed purchase leaving an unpaid balance of £180. Owing to the outbreak of hostilities and subsequent evacuation and suspension of all trade in the Eastern district

nothing further was paid by the debtor company to Messrs Siemens.

In view of this they wished to regain possession of the property. To this end they applied to the Japanese Military Authorities for permission to remove the property. Until a short time ago

it was definitely known that the motors were still on the Yung Dah premises. However, about a week ago they discovered from the watchman on duty on nearby premises that several members of the Japanese Military had appeared and loaded the property on a truck and taken it away to an unknown destination.

Mr. Krieg stated that he had already made representations to the Japanese Military Authorities but so far he had obtained no satisfaction.

The description of the property is as follows:-

One A.E.G. Motor "D.A. 132/6 m. 98 H.P. No. 4004402.

One A.E.G. III Phase Static Condenser Type "D.T." No. ?

One A.E.G. Automatic Circuit Breaker, Type "A.M.S.B. 200" No. 50812.

In the meantime little can be done by the Police, however, J.D.S. Osano will be instructed to make enquiries in the usual

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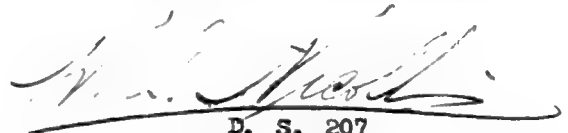
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channels in an effort to obtain information regarding the disposal of the property and as to the possibility of regaining the motors for the Siemens Co.

Enquiries proceeding.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,


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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. M. REGISTRY
YUN-SHIA Dation, 8037740
Date May 26th, 1938.

REPORT

Subject. Larceny by Japanese Subjects.

Made by D. S. Rhodes

Forwarded by

Sir,

In reference to a news item which appeared in the Mainichi on the 7-5-38, which stated that a Japanese subject had been arrested for theft, J.R.P. 1218. made enquiries at the Japanese Consulate and the following has been ascertained:-

On or about 7-5-38 a Japanese named Yuma Tanaka aged 40, residing at No. 304 Nanjing Road, together with an employee named Motom Deguchi removed by motor trucks a total of 4,000 pairs of aluminium shoe last value \$14,000.00 from the Chinese owned Tsung Tah (楊泰) Rubber Factory situated at Lane 512 No. 31 Dalny Road to the Tanaka Iron Works 304 Nanjing Road.

At the time Tanaka carried out the removal the Tsung Tah Factory was being used by Japanese troops as a billet, but he explained to them that he was a personal friend of the factory owner and had been authorized by him to remove the property.

Since the soldiers in occupation were to a certain extent responsible for the factory and contents whilst billeted therein, and in order that the removal should not be later attributed to them, upon leaving they informed the Landing Party Patrol, who in turn passed on the information to the Consulate Police.

Detective Sergeant Higuchi attached to the Consulate Police conducted enquiries & arrested Tanaka and Deguchi and recovered the property. A representative of the Tsung Tah Factory named Yang Siao Tsung (楊孝宗) now residing at No. 36 Rue de la Mission, French Concession has attended the Japanese Consulate and identified the property but he declined to prefer any charge against Tanaka or Deguchi. Both men however are still in custody at the Consulate, & it is understood that a charge of Looting will be preferred against them.

The recovered property is at present being kept at the Japan-



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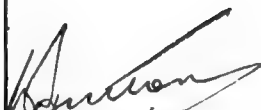
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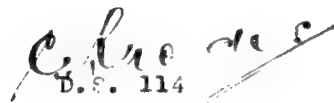
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JAPANESE STEALS CHINESE ALUMINIUM

Mainichi (7-5-38)

A Japanese named Ueda, owner of an iron works, residing at No. 224 Nanjing Road, was arrested by the Japanese Consular Police for stealing a large quantity of aluminium valued about Yen 5,000 from a Chinese factory on Dalny Road.

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Misc. File No. 7/38.

Yangtzepoo Station, 8039 H
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REPORT No. 18 Date May 18, 1938.

Subject Removal of property by Japanese.

Made by D.S.I. McCahey,

Forwarded by *W. L. McCahey*

Sir,

At 8.45 a.m. May 18th, Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co. Ltd., 140 Seoul Road came to the station and reported that between 2.10 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. 17/5/38 Japanese civilians removed 2 loads of cotton cloth and 7 loads of wooden crates (believed to contain cloth) from the above premises. Two motortrucks one of which was bearing S.M.C. licence plate No. 20134 were engaged in removing the above property. These motortrucks proceeded East along Kwangchow Road and then North along Meichow Road but the informant, when questioned, could not state the destination where the above property was removed to.

He further reported that one truck had taken one load of cloth this morning (18th). He was instructed to inform station by telephone of further removals.

At 9.30 a.m. May 18th, a telephone call caused J.D.S. Osano and the undersigned to proceed to Kwangchow Road where a truck loaded with cases of cloth was stopped. The Japanese in charge, when questioned, produced a document chopped by the Japanese Military Police authorising him to remove the property for military purposes.

Your obedient servant,

H. G. Gault
D.D.O. "D"

J. H. McCahey
D.S.I.

Officer i/c S.B.

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File No.

S.I. Special Branch *Shanghai*

REPORT

Date April 9, 1938.

Subject Sung Sing Nos. 1 and 8 Cotton Mill -

machinery removed by Japanese soldiers.

Made by D.S.I. Shih Sau-chien Forwarded by *C. G. ...*

In the forenoon of April 6, some thirty Japanese soldiers proceeded to the Sung Sing Nos. 1 and 8 Cotton Mills (Chinese concerns), 200 Brennan Road, O.O.L. and removed, in several military trucks, a large number of spinning machines, motors, generators and other undamaged machinery and claimed that they were acting on instructions from their superior officers. These military trucks were later seen to proceed to the Toyoda Cotton Mill (Japanese concern) where the seized machinery was unloaded.

The watchman at the Sung Sing Mills protested against the removal of the property but ~~were~~ ^{was} ignored and they immediately notified Mr. Fong Yoong Hau (房永豪), Chief of the personnel department of the mill, who in turn proceeded to the office of the Japanese Western District Pacification Section, 94 Jessfield Road and pleaded with Mr. Ido for the return of the seized property. Mr. Ido promised to make investigations and Mr. Fong then left the office.



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Hongkew Police Station

Friday

April 8,

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Seizure of
Property and
Intimidation
of Indian Watch-
man by Japanese
Troops. Misc. No.
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At 12.55 p.m. 7-4-38 a telephone message was received from an Indian (British) watchman employed at the Lester Institute, Yuenfong Road, reporting that Japanese soldiers were removing furniture from houses located at East Seward and Yuenfong Road corner.

Enquiries were made and it was learned that at about 12.40 p.m. 7-4-38 a party of about twenty Japanese soldiers with a Motor Truck appeared outside the entrance of alleyway No.235 Yuenfong Road, which is the property of Messrs A.K. Burkill and sons., 20 Canton Road. The soldiers entered the alleyway and proceeded to enter various houses. The head watchman, one Telok Singh, employed by the above Company, accosted one of the men, who appeared to be an Officer, and asked him what he wanted. The Officer replied in English and stated that he was going to remove property from the houses. The watchman pointed out that the property was British and that he could not permit its removal. The Officer then produced a piece of paper and stated that he had permission from the Consulate to remove the property. He did not say which Consulate. The watchman insisted that the Property could not be removed whereupon the Officer seized hold of his arms and bumped him twice against the wall after which he was taken into one of the houses and a guard of one soldier placed over him.

The soldiers then proceeded to remove furniture from the houses and load it onto the truck. This continued for about 20 minutes after which the Officer called the soldier who was guarding the watchman away and all the soldiers together with the truck loaded with furniture drove away southwards along Yuenfong Road turning eastwards into Seward Road and disappeared.

Enquiries proceeding.

At about 12 noon April 2nd 1938 the Master of the French liner "Jean Laborde", which was then moored alongside the Hongkew and Shanghai Wharf, discovered the absence from the ship of an Annamite seaman named Hoang Van Than. The vessel sailed for Europe on 4-4-38 and at time of sailing the seaman had not returned.

The French Police were notified through the French Consulate of the man's disappearance and enquiries were instituted.

At about 3.10 p.m. 7-4-38, D.S.I. Yakovsky of the French Police called at Hongkew Station in the course of his enquiry after the missing man. He was accompanied to the Japanese Military Gendarmerie Headquarters by a Japanese detective in an effort to find out if the man was being held there. The detectives were informed that no such person was in the custody of the Gendarmerie. The party then returned to Hongkew Station and reported their failure to find the man.

It was within the knowledge of detectives attached to this Station that a man answering Hoang's description was in the custody of the Japanese Military Gendarmerie on the 2-4-38. This information was conveyed to D.S.I. Yakovsky whereupon a second visit was paid to the Gendarmerie Headquarters at which time the missing man was produced and handed over to the French Police.

French Police
secure the
release of an
Annamite from
the custody of
the Japanese
Military
Gendarmerie.
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The circumstances under which the victim was detained for such a long period have not been disclosed.

The French Police, through D.R.I. Yankovsky have been requested to furnish the Municipal Police with full details as soon as they become available.

Enquiries proceeding.

Male Chinese
handed over
by the Japanese
Naval Landing
Party.
D.R. 293/38

At about 2.30 p.m. 7-4-38 the Japanese Naval Landing Party Headquarters, Hannen Road handed over to detectives from this Station a male Chinese named Kao Ah Nyi, unemployed, of no fixed residence together with a number of articles of clothing which it was suspected the man had stolen.

Enquiries were made and it was learned that the man had been arrested at about 5.30 p.m. 6-4-38 by Naval Sentries at the Garden Bridge in possession of the clothing in question. On being interrogated by detectives the suspect admitted looting the property from a Chinese dwelling house No.83, Lane 491 Wetmore Road.

He has been charged accordingly.



Officer-in-Charge.

D.C. "Special Branch".

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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File No. 62/38

Yangtzepoo

Station 8039A

REPORT

Date March 19, 1938

Subject (in full) Removal of Property by Japanese Military.

Made by D.S.I. McCahey

Forwarded by

Sir,

At 9 a.m. March 19th, D.S.I. McCahey observed five Japanese Military Motortrucks manned by Chinese labourers under soldiers removing large earthenware kongs from the Soong Chuan Sauce Factory. Ying Ziang Kong Village off Point Road.

On being questioned with assistance of J.D.S. Osano a 2nd Class Private i/c produced written and chopped authority from the Military Gendarmerie covering the removal. The property is going to Kiangwan for use in Military Barracks.

Your obedient servant,

D. S. I.

D.D.O. "D"

Officer i/c Special Branch. ✓



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Yangtzepoo Station. *80.37*

REPORT

Date March 12, 1938.

Subject. Re alleged removal of machinery from the China Worsted

S. & W. Mill, 188 Linching Road.

Made by.....D.S.I. McCahey

Forwarded by _____

Sir,

With reference to attached memo from D.C. "Special Branch", I beg to report that premises 188 Linching Road, The China Worsted S. & W. Mill (Chinese) has been occupied by the Japanese Military and used as inter^ument quarters for Chinese Prisoners of War since the beginning of November 1937, therefore European Members of the S.M. Police are not permitted to enter.

J.D.S. 83 Osano was detailed on March 11th to make enquiries regarding removals, if any, of machinery from these premises. He reports that he interviewed Lieut. Taniguchi who is in charge of the prisoners and ascertained that during this officer's period of one month in charge no machinery or other property has been removed from the mill nor are outsiders allowed to enter the premises.

8) A Sergeant of longer stay was also questioned but no useful information gathered.

Your obedient servant,

D.D.O. "D"

Officer i/c Sp. Br.

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SPECIAL BRANCH

Shanghai Municipal Police
Headquarters.

Date - 9 MAR 1928

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Enquiry whether or not machinery
from the China Woollen Co Linchen Road
in, or has been, removed to the Shanghai
Cotton Manufacturing Co Yangtze Rd & if
so by whom & under whose authority.

As telephoned

possibly Wool Manufacturing

Wm. Bonner
DEPUTY (SPECIAL BRANCH)

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Nippon Marines Seize Property Of British Firm

Godown Ordered Open,
Goods Of Heath
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OFFICER STATED
ACTING ON ORDER

British Consul Officials
Notified; Loss Totals
Declared High

Wholesale looting of British property in north of the creek Settlement areas by a Japanese Marine patrol has been reported to the British Consulate-General by Heath (1927) Limited, the property loss running into thousands of pounds Sterling.

The company gave the following account of the incident to the consular authorities in announcing its losses yesterday:

"At 7 o'clock this morning a Japanese Naval Landing Party Patrol drew up and demanded under threat that our warehouse be opened. The Shanghai Muni-

cipal Police watchman opened the gates. Several Japanese entered the premises and whilst the watchman was away reporting the incident to the Municipal Police they ransacked the premises, opened the safes and removed a quantity of steel and general merchandise. They departed at 9 o'clock.

Acting On Orders

"Sub-Lieutenant Kushige informed the Shanghai Municipal Police that he was acting under instructions. Heath (1927) Limited is a duly registered British company having the name on a signboard outside the premises which was shown to Kushige who, although told the property inside was British-owned, insisted upon taking away several thousands of pounds worth.

"Sub-Lieutenant Kushige stated that he had taken 150 lengths of steel tubes, but failed to mention all other property which was also taken away."

Old Question

The question of looting of scrap iron from Japanese-controlled Settlement areas has been raised frequently during the past few weeks, pictures appearing in the local press to show how the Japanese were getting metal for their war industries, but this is the first known case of a Japanese patrol invading foreign property under orders to remove cargo.

There have been cases of evacuated houses being entered

and the property of foreigners removed by the Japanese, but when questioned about such incidents Nipponese spokesmen stated that the action was taken to "protect" the property and store it in a safer place so as to avoid looting.

What action has been taken by the British authorities could not be ascertained up to press time, important consular officials being engaged in welcoming the new Ambassador to China. It is presumed, however, that a strong protest has been filed with the Japanese authorities and a demand made for the return of the property.

Heath Limited is an importing and exporting firm handling tea and other merchandise, Mr. F. Heath is the managing director and Mr. F. M. Heath director.



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February 8, 1938.

Morning Translation.

Ta Mei Wan Pao published the following editorial on Feb. 7 :-

THE DUTIES OF THE POLICE

Although it seems too late now to talk about the removal of machinery in Hongkew, it may be more useful to have the case dealt with legally. Chinese property owners are not in a position to find out what has become of their property for they cannot enter Hongkew District and have to depend on reports made by foreign merchants.

We have no desire to increase the work of the Shanghai Municipal Police, but according to common reasoning, since Chinese property has been removed by some persons, the Police should, at least, endeavour to put a stop to the removal after receiving such reports. Good result could have been obtained if the Police authorities had managed to stop this well-organized daylight robbery. The least the Police could do was to do their best to protect the property or to conduct an investigation to ascertain the nature of the organization and the kind of persons who are removing Chinese property, because such removal of property might have not been done with the approval of the Japanese military authorities. It is a black mark against the senior Japanese military officers for not making a frank acknowledgment. There is some doubt in the case because up to the present the Japanese have not made any such public announcement on the following lines, for instance, "As we are short of scrap iron and other materials for the manufacture of firearms, we have to rob Chinese iron works and remove the scrap iron from these works to Japan". According to our observation, the removal of iron may have been promoted by a certain private organization with which the Japanese authorities did not care to interfere. All other property in the Hongkew District will be stolen if such acts of robbery are allowed to continue. If strong action is adopted, such acts will be curbed.

The Police should, at least, conduct an investigation into the amount of machinery and other articles that have been removed and should do their utmost to put a stop to such removals. If the Police cannot do this, they should, at least, publish the facts regarding such removals.

(Note: This editorial also appears in the "Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury".)

Ta Mei Wan Pao (Feb. 7) and other local newspapers :-

REGISTRATION OF OPIUM SMOKERS BY "DAH DAO FINANCE BUREAU"

Due to the fact that most of the opium smokers in Pootung, the Western District and other places are poor people, only a few persons have applied for registration with the "Dah Dao City Government Finance Bureau". All these persons have obtained "C" class permits at a cost of 60 cents each. No one has applied for "A" class permits which cost \$5 each, or the "B" class permit, which costs \$3.

As the number of persons applying for permits has not come up to expectations, the period of registration will be extended.

January 27, 1938.

Morning Translation.

Hwa Mei Wen Pao Morning Edition :-

JAPANESE REMOVING SCRAP IRON AND MACHINERY

Nearly all the scrap iron has been removed from Yangtzepoo district by the Japanese, according to information from foreign sources. Ever since the outbreak of the hostilities in Shanghai, the Japanese have been collecting iron in the districts under their occupation. At first they removed the iron stored in Chinese warehouses along North Soochow Road, later they began to concentrate their attention to the removal of machinery in the factories, godowns and dwelling houses that had escaped destruction.

According to information, large quantities of such scrap iron are at present piled up along the wharves on Chemulbo Road and behind the Customs Jetty on Lay Road. It is believed that several hundreds of tons of such iron have already been removed to Japan.

According to certain persons who went to Yangtzepoo to make an inspection several days ago, a number of Chinese coolies were noticed busily removing machinery from the factories, especially from the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Factory. The coolies worked under the supervision of Japanese.

Sin Wen Pao and other local newspapers :-

CHINESE BANKS AND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Although January 30, the day for a general settlement of accounts, is Sunday and is therefore a holiday, the Chinese Bankers' Association and the Native Bankers' Guild, at a joint meeting held recently, decided that all their member banks are to carry on business as usual on that day in order to facilitate the work of settlement of their accounts. Commencing from January 31, the foreign style banks will close for three days, while the native banks will close for four days.

Hwa Mei Wen Pao Morning Edition :-

THE RELIEF OF REFUGEES

At the request of the International Relief Commission of the China Red Cross Society, the Shanghai Chinese Chamber of Commerce has notified local trades to collect from their employees 2% of their monthly salaries for the relief of refugees. This is already being done by local banks.

In Chinese.

January 19, 1938. -

Manager,

Shanghai Printing & Dyeing Factory,

Office : 18 Taiwan Road, off Fokien Road.

Dear Sir,

With regard to your letter of January 15 on the subject of removals from your factory in Ward Road, I regret that the Japanese Armed Forces have been making wholesale removals from Chinese owned factories and the matter is outside the Police power. The Japanese ^{presumably} base their actions on their local success in hostilities and the area in question was unfortunately part of the war zone.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

*Chinese letter attached
herewith.*

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Divisional Office "D"

18. 1. 1938

D. C. Sp. Branch

1382 Ward Rd

The Shanghai Printing and Dyeing, like many other Chinese owned concerns in this Division, is a victim of a campaign of looting which is at present being conducted by Japanese under the authority of the Army & Navy. Wholesale removals, principally metal, take place daily — the ultimate destination of the loot being, it is presumed, Japan. The Police can only look on and report to ~~the~~ ^{the} Ios such cases as come to notice

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME REGISTRY

10/1/1938

Angtzeepoo Station,

REPORT

Date January 9, 1958

Subject (in full) Removal of Property by Japanese under Military Escort.

Made by W. S. Mahoney.

Forwarded by

Ullrich, P. J.

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At 10.40 a.m. January 9th. Japanese civilians with a motor-truck bearing licence No. 10484 under escort of two Japanese soldiers were observed removing about thirty 12" x 18" copper or zinc rollers for cotton printing from the Shanghai Printing & Dyeing Mill, 1282 Ward Road.

The Truck when observed was being driven by a Japanese civilian accompanied by several Chinese coolies. When challenged regarding the right to remove the property, which is of considerable value, the driver ran into the mill and called two Japanese soldiers. Upon the appearance of the soldiers nothing further was done to prevent the unlawful removal. Otherwise an incident would have occurred.

Yours obediently,

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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上海紡織印染廠借款銀圓

劉學務處長
葉持軒科長
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Translation of letter received from the Shanghai Printing
and Dyeing Factory, 1382 Ward Road, on January 16, 1938.

January 15, 1938.

Major Bourne,

Deputy Commissioner, S.M.P.

Our factory is situated at No. 1382 Ward Road
(Kao Long Chiao). Sometime ago the Police recovered certain
property (Cloth) which was stolen from the factory. This
property was returned to us. Now we hear that machinery
and goods in the factory have again been stolen and secretly
transported to other places. We request you to be good
enough to investigate this report.

Shanghai Printing & Dyeing Factory.

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Dr. S.B.
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P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

